

## **REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

### **I. General Remarks**

Please reconsider the application in view the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

### **II. Disposition of Claims**

Claims 1-22, 27, and 30 are pending in this application.

In this Response, Applicants submit a listing of claims incorporating the amendments from Applicants' February 4, 2005 response that is also consistent with the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 21, 2004. *This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.* In Applicants' February 4, 2005 response, claims 23-26 and claims 28-29 were cancelled, which is confirmed herein. The amendments made to claims 27 and 30 in Applicants' February 4, 2005 response are also shown in this Response. The fee for the additional independent claim created by that amendment was filed with Applicants' February 4, 2005 response. Applicants apologize for any confusion their mistake may have caused, and respectfully request that the Examiner accept this listing of claims in place of the listing of claims in Applicants' February 4, 2005 response.

### **III. Remarks**

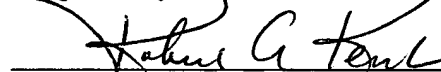
Applicants have no additional remarks with respect to the Examiner's objections and rejections of the pending claims, as the version of the claims presented in this Response only reconciles the amendments from Applicants' February 4, 2005 response with the version of the claims presented in Applicants' Preliminary Amendment, and does not change the scope of the matter covered by the claims as presented in Applicants' February 4, 2005 response. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider Applicants' remarks from their February 4, 2005 response as they apply to this version of the claims, and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections thereto. A copy of Applicants' February 4, 2005 response is attached to this response for the Examiner's convenience.

**SUMMARY**

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections. Applicants further submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit timely notice of the same. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a petition therefore, and direct that any additional fees be charged to Deposit Account of Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., No. 08-0300 (Reference Number HES 2001-IP-005443U2).

Respectfully submitted,



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